GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3270
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GROUNDNUT AND SUNFLOWER
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has urged the farmers to grow alternative crops inplace of groundnut and sunflower crops following the detection of virus which affects these plants in the State;

(b) if so, whether Agricultural Commissioner has pointed out that Hyderabad-based research institute has confirmed the presence of the virus, which can affect the groundnut and sunflower in Chitradurga, Bellary, Koppal and Tumkur districts;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has urged the Government of India to providenecessary assistance and research in switching over to alternative crops like ragi and maize;

(d) if so, whether both the Government of India and the Government of Karnataka haveprovided assistance to the farmers for change over an alternative crops;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Question does not arise.

(f): The recommendations of local Agricultural Universities and International CropsResearch Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) have been obtained by Government of Karnataka in this regard.